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General Assembly

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

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[1] To be issued.

10. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [130]

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15. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

[1]To be issued.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 23 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.61, entitled "Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (under agenda item 57 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sierra Leone)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 December 2008

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 23 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 9 January 2009*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 19 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

72nd plenary meeting

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.29/Rev.1) . . . . . [44]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.29/Rev.1 (resolution 63/199).

The representative of Norway made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/63/L.56) . . . . . [114 (s)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (s) of agenda item 114.

The representative of Tuvalu made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.56.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.56 (resolution 63/200).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (s) of agenda item 114.

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement on a point of order.

Reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 38, 46, 47 and its sub-items (a) to (d), 48, 49 and its sub-items (a) to (c) and (e) to (g), 50, 51 and its sub-items (a) to (e), 52 and its sub items (a) and (b), 53 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 54, 110 and 119.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which were before the Assembly.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/63/410) . . . . . [38]

By 164 to 8, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/410) (resolution 63/201).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 38.

Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/411) . . . . . [46]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/411) (resolution 63/202).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 46.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412) . . [47]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/412).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

(a) International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.1)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/63/412/Add.1).

Draft resolution I (resolution 63/203)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/204)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 47.

(b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/412/Add.2) (resolution 63/205).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (b) of agenda item 47.

(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.3)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/412/Add.3) (resolution 63/206).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (c) of agenda item 47.

(d) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/63/412/Add.4) (resolution 63/207).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (d) of agenda item 47 and of agenda item 47 as a whole.

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/63/413 (Part II)) . . . . . [48]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/63/413 (Part II)) (resolution 63/208).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 48.

Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414) . . . . . [49]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/63/414).

Draft resolution I
(resoiution 63/209) Adopted

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement on a point of order.

Draft resolution II
(resolution 63/210) Adopted

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 63/211)	165	7	2

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/63/414/Add.1) (resolution 63/212).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (a) of agenda item 49.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.2)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/63/414/Add.2).

Draft resolution I
(resolution 63/213) Adopted

Draft resolution II
(resolution 63/214) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 49.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.3)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (A/63/414/Add.3).

Draft resolution I (resolution 63/215)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/216)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 63/217)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 49.

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report, as orally corrected (A/63/414/Add.5) (resolution 63/218).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (e) of agenda item 49.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.6)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/414/Add.6) (resolution 63/219).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (f) of agenda item 49.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.7)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/414/Add.7) (resolution 63/220).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (g) of agenda item 49.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/63/415) . . . . . [50]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/63/415) (resolution 63/221).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 50.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416) . [51]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/416).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 51.

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.1)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/63/416/Add.1).

Draft resolution I (resolution 63/222)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/223)	Adopted

The representative of Yemen made a statement on a point of order.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 63/224)	123	1	52

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (a) of agenda item 51.

(b) International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/63/416/Add.2) (resolution 63/225).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (b) of agenda item 51.

(c) Culture and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.3)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.3).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 51.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/416/Add.4) (resolution 63/226).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (d) of agenda item 51.

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (A/63/416/Add.5).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (e) of agenda item 51 and of agenda item 51 as a whole.

Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/63/417) [52]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/417).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 52.

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/63/417/Add.1)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/63/417/Add.1) (resolution 63/227).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (a) of agenda item 52.

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/63/417/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/63/417/Add.2) (resolution 63/228).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (b) of agenda item 52 and of agenda item 52 as a whole.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/63/418) . . . . . [53]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/418).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 53.

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017): report of the Second Committee (A/63/418/Add.1)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/63/418/Add.1).

Draft resolution I (resolution 63/229)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/230)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 53.

(b) Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/63/418/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/63/418/Add.2) (resolution 63/231).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration sub-item (b) of agenda item 53 and of agenda item 53 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/419) [54]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/63/419).

Draft resolution I (resolution 63/232)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 63/233)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/63/420) . . . . . [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/63/420).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/63/447) . . . . . [119]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/63/447).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee before it.

Monday, 22 December 2008

Security Council

6055th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2008/728 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/800, submitted by Belgium, France and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/800) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/800) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1856 (2008).

Following the vote, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Karel De Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, and by the representatives of France, Costa Rica, the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, South Africa, China and Burkina Faso.

The Council heard statements by the Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.E. Mr. Alexis Thambwe Mwamba, and by the representative of Rwanda.

Further statements were made by the Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and by the representative of Rwanda.

6056th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/773)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/801, submitted by Belgium and France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/801) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/801) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1857 (2008).

6057th meeting

The situation in Burundi

Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (S/2008/745)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/802, submitted by Belgium and France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/802) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/802) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1858 (2008).

6058th meeting

The situation in the Great Lakes region

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Uganda, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/48).

6059th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/805, submitted by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/805) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/805) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1859 (2008).

Following the vote, the Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, France, Indonesia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

73rd plenary meeting

Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/312) . . . . . [104 (a)]

The General Assembly decided to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with secret ballot.

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Asian states, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean State and the Western European and other States was equal to or less than the number of seats to be filled in each of those groups, Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Brazil, the Central African Republic, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine and Uruguay were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009.

The General Assembly was informed that it would be in a position to act on the four vacancies from among the Western European and other States upon the nomination by the Economic and Social Council of Member States from that region.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 104.

Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission . . . . . [104 (b)]

The General Assembly took note of documents A/63/631 and A/63/632.

The General Assembly decided to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with secret ballot.

The General Assembly decided to elect Benin, Chile, South Africa, Thailand and Uruguay as members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office, beginning on 1 January 2009.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 104.

2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: draft resolution (A/63/L.62) . . . . . [43]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 43.

The representative of Morocco made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.62.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.62 (resolution 63/234).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 43.

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.64) [107]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 107.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.64.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.64 (resolution 63/235).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie: draft resolution (A/63/L.59) . . . . . [114 (k)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 114.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.59 (resolution 63/236).

The representative of Canada made a statement after adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 114.

Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority: draft resolution (A/63/L.63) . . . . . [155]

The representative of the Congo made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.63.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.63 (resolution 63/237).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 155.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess of the current session to Tuesday, 23 December 2008.

The General Assembly decided to extend the work of the Fifth Committee until Tuesday, 23 December 2008.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

27tth meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Mexico, coordinator of the informal consultations on development related activities, made a statement on the negotiations being held.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada (on behalf of Australia New Zealand and Canada).

The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee that action on this draft resolution would be taken at a later date.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Armenia (18 December 2008)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Armenia (18 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/C.4/63/SR.2	Meeting held on 6 October 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/SR.4	Meeting held on 7 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/63/631	Item 104 (b) — Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission — Letter dated 19 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/632	Item 104 (b) — Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission — Letter dated 18 December 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.29/Rev.1/Add.1	Item 44 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Cyprus, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda: revised draft resolution — International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization — Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ghana, Haiti, Iceland, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Poland, Slovakia and Spain [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.56/Add.1	Item 114 (s) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Turkey and Tuvalu: draft resolution — Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Fiji, France, Guyana, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Portugal, Samoa, Slovenia, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.63	Item 155 — Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority — Angola, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, France, Gabon, Ghana, Monaco, Senegal, Togo and Zambia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.64	Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Algeria, Belarus, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Yemen: draft resolution — Agriculture development and food security [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/L.6	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/63/L.7	Item 126 — United Nations Pension System — Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur following informal consultations [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/63/L.8	Item 116 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/796	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/797	United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/798	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6052	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6054	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1854 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6051st meeting, on 19 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1855 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6052nd meeting, on 19 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

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E/CN.5/2009/NGO/3	Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: social integration — Statement submitted by Baha'i International Community, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]
E/CN.5/2009/NGO/4	Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: social integration — Statement submitted by Global Youth Action Network, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]
E/CN.5/2009/NGO/5	Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: social integration — Statement submitted by International Federation of Social Workers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]
E/CN.5/2009/NGO/6	Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: social integration — Statement submitted by Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Franciscans International, International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Partnership for Global Justice, Salesian Missions, Sisters of Charity Federation, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Temple of Understanding, and UNANIMA International, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women

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CEDAW/C/TLS/Q/1	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Timor-Leste [A C E F R S]

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